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COUNTRY East GermanyREPORT NO. TOPIC Soviet Troop TrainsEVALUATION see below

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. Railroad records indicated that cars to be made available between 11 and 16 May 1953 included: 305 flatcars at Halle; 46 flatcars at Frankfurt/Oder; 143 tank cars at Troeglitz; 120 tank cars at Leipzig; and 50 tank cars at Halle.
2. Between 5 and 12 May, no troop trains passed through the Teterow railroad station.
3. On 6 May, Colonel Vosov (fnu) of the SCC and railroad chief deputy Knaak (fnu) of the Schwerin railroad district headquarters inspected all railroad stations between Schwerin and Moelln 14 kilometers west of Neubrandenburg. They especially inspected cart roads and loading ramps as to their suitability for loading. The Teterow railroad station was listed for loading of eight troop trains within 24 hours.¹
4. The following troop trains were listed in railroad records between 15 and 18 April and 3 and 11 May:

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Number of Cars or Axles</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Rec</u>
15 April	42 cars	Halle railroad district	Forst Zinna	
16 April	25 cars	Wittenberg	Forst Zinna	
17 April	27 cars	Wittenberg	Forst Zinna	
18 April	24 cars	Wittenberg	Forst Zinna	
	40 cars	Halle railroad district	Frankfurt/Oder	
19 April	24 cars	Wittenberg	Forst Zinna	
18 April	102 axles; 844 tons	Wildpark	Kummersdorf	

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Number of Cars or Axles</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	
18 April	34 axles; 301 tons	Velten	Neustrelitz	25X1
3 May	114 axles; 1,050 tons	Sperenberg	Wittenberg	-
4 May	120 axles; 1,086 tons	Sperenberg	Coswig	-
6 May	60 axles; 464 tons	Sperenberg	Coswig	-
4 May	118 axles; 894 tons	Rathenow-Nord	Gardelegen	-
6 May	94 axles; 650 tons	Rathenow-Nord	Gardelegen	-
	60 axles; 493 tons	Wildpark	Sperenberg	-
	70 axles; 502 tons	Satzkorn	Colbitz	-
	60 axles; 484 tons	Satzkorn	Colbitz	-
10 May	56 axles 505 tons	Velten	Neustrelitz	-
11 May	78 axles; 980 tons	Frankfurt/Oder	Cottbus	25X1
10 May	60 cars	Greifswald railroad district	Altengrabow	2

5. On and after 8 May, two empty trains of 100 to 110 axles each consisting of flatcars daily went from Rummelsburg to Erfurt. Rummelsburg was assembling station. On and after 12 May, an empty train of 100 to 110 axles consisting of flatcars will allegedly be daily dispatched from Rummelsburg to Magdeburg. Rummelsburg also was assembling station. [] 25X1A

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1. [] Comment. The inspection apparently covered the Schwerin-Guestrow-Malchin-Moelin railroad line. The Moelin railroad station is the last station belonging to the Schwerin railroad district and is situated on the railroad line to Neubrandenburg. The inspection possibly was held in connection with planned large field exercises in the Mecklenburg area. It also is possible, however, that it was a preliminary measure for movements and unloading of troops on the through-line running from Stettin to the west in case of mobilization.
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2. [] Comment. Except for the troop trains from the Halle railroad district to Frankfurt/Oder on 18 April 1953, and from Frankfurt/Oder to Cottbus on 11 May 1953, all other trains were previously observed by other sources. The movements included the following units:

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From Wittenberg and the Halle railroad district respectively to Z
components of the 6th Gds Tank Div
From Wildpark to Kammersdorf and Sperenberg: units of the GOFG
From Velten to Neustrelitz: probably contingents of the 31st AAA Div
From Sperenberg to Wittenberg and Coswig: elements of the 35th Engr Regt (US)
From Rathenow to Gardelegen: contingents of the Hq IV Arty Corps and 25th RL Brig
From Satz Korn to Colbitz: rear details of the 10th Gds Tank Div
From the Greifswald railroad district to Altenraben: contingents of the 9th Gds Tank
Div from Neustrelitz

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